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## FCSL honors its best

The Florida Collegiate Summer League honored its best players at its first annual awards banquet.

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## What to do with Magnolia Square?

By Liane Edixon  
Herald Staff

SANFORD — The downtown Community Redevelopment Agency is looking for direction from the Historic Preservation Board on what to do with Magnolia Square.

Renovations began on the square recently that included tearing out trees to replace with Blanchard Magnolias, ripping up the bricks, re-running electrical lines, and redesigning the landscape of the new trees and greenery.

Now, all that is left to do is placing benches and trash receptacles into the square. Those items were ordered and will be in the square sometime in September.

Meanwhile, CRA member Jeff Triplett announced on Wednesday that he still wasn't happy with the square.

"I have to be honest. I don't like it. It still looks like a basketball court to me," Triplett said.

Renovations are currently running \$525 over budget, but Bob Parsell said that the city staff had another recommendation.

That recommendation, which was canopy-type sails that would provide more shade to the tune of approximately \$30,000, was shot down because CRA members felt it wasn't consistent with the historical feel downtown provides.

The CRA decided that trellises with some type of vine growing through it such as Confederate Jasmine might be a nice touch that would help cool down the square in the summer months.

The CRA will ask the Historic Preservation Board for suggestions.

## SEMINOLE SMILE



Martha McKinney — Secretary/Receptionist at Hopper Center School

# State dismisses murder charges

By Steve Paradis  
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Marcus Sheppard, 25, walked out of the Seminole County jail a free man Thursday afternoon vowing to learn from his mistakes that cost him and another man 18 months in jail on first-degree murder charges.

Representatives of the State Attorney Office, Sanford Police Department and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement held an early evening news conference Wednesday to say they dropped the murder charges.

Officials said Wednesday they still believe Sheppard and Clifton Lee Mulkey, 28, were involved in the 2001 shooting death of Milton Roundtree.

Sanford police found Roundtree dead Feb. 22, 2001. He was face down on the ground near his home's doorway at 1012 1/2 W. Third St.

Nearly three years later, Sanford police and the FDLE teamed up to try to solve some of 27 unsolved homicide cases. The third one to be solved, or so police thought, was the Roundtree

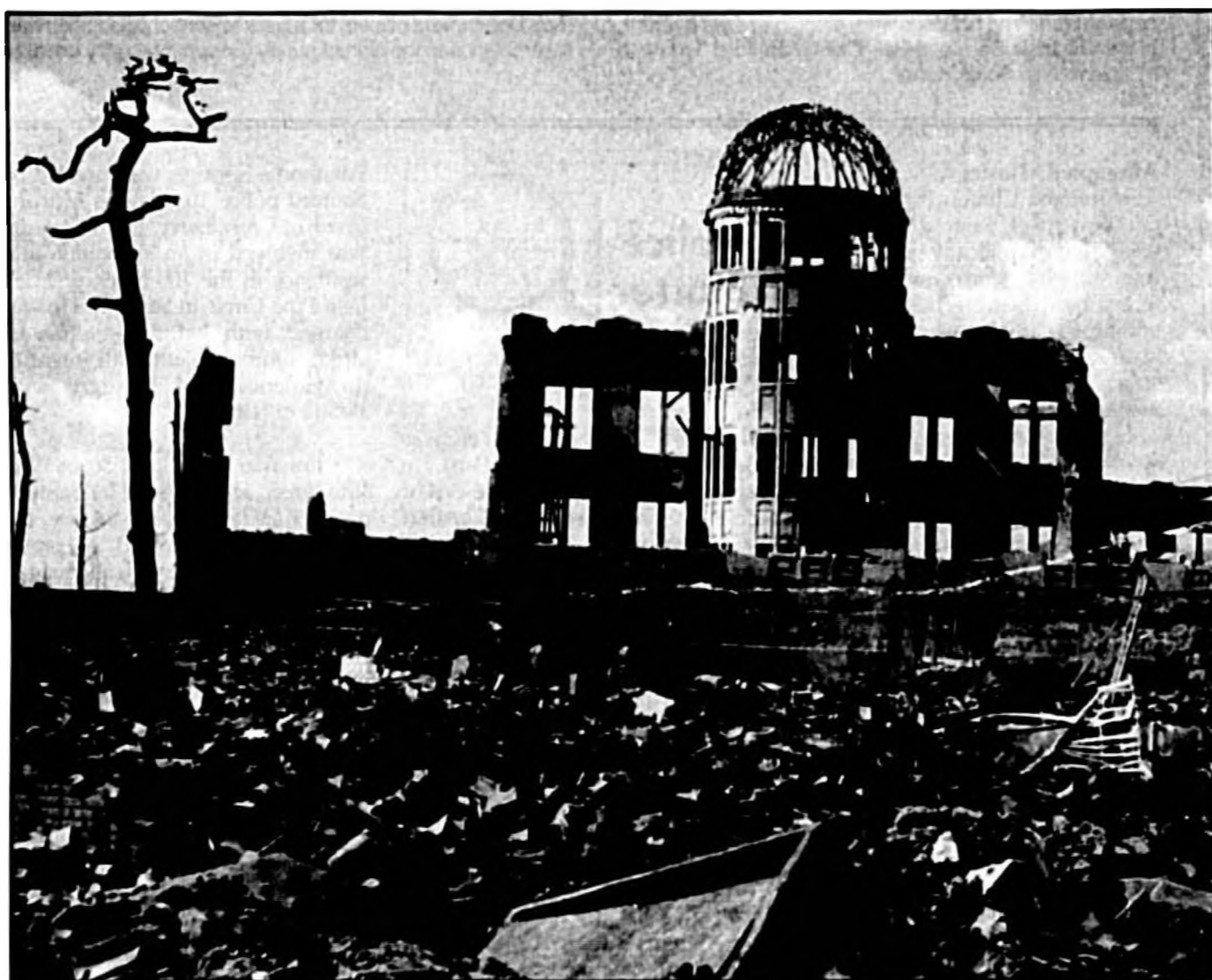
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Herald photo by Steve Paradis

Marcus Sheppard, center, receives hugs from his mother, left, and an unnamed woman after being released from the Seminole County jail Thursday afternoon.

# Capturing History



One of the first photographers allowed into Hiroshima after the nuclear weapon killed about 140,000 people was U.S. Navy photographer Wesley Place. Place moved to Sanford in 1955 and died in 1990, but his wife, Betty, right, keeps thousands of his photos, including many from Hiroshima and of World War II Japan. Above is a photo that Place shot of the famous A-Bomb Dome, once the Hiroshima Prefecture Industrial Promotion Hall. 7:15 p.m. Eastern time Friday marked the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m. local time Aug. 8, 1945. Three days later the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, killing 70,000 people. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945. To see more of Place's photos, see Page 6A.



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

# Meeting seeks ideas for CRA budget

By Liane Edixon  
Herald Staff

SANFORD — The Downtown Community Redevelopment Agency will have a town hall meeting Monday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. to discuss special projects and promotions for its 2005-2006 fiscal year budget.

District 1 Commissioner Art Woodruff suggested to CRA members that in consideration of the upcoming budget planning and due to the rearrangements of some of the city's boards, the CRA should have a "widely advertised" town hall meeting.

"You might hear things you hadn't thought of," Woodruff said.

CRA Chairman Bob Parsell submitted a proposed budget. The CRA will have \$752,000 in ad valorem revenue with \$20,000 in estimated interest, giving the agency about \$772,000 in total for the 2005-2006 budget year.

The CRA has already committed some of those dollars for hiring an executive director (\$30,000); operating expenses (\$20,000); First Street loan payments (\$232,000); Fort Mellon Park (\$66,667); and facade grants (\$20,000).

"These are things we're already committed to," Parsell said.

With the remaining \$403,333 the CRA is hoping to spend about \$24,000 on promotions such as Alive After Five and a spring art festival.

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# Man in Hillsborough jail charged with Lake Mary bank robbery

By Staff Reports

LAKE MARY — There has been an arrest in the July 27 robbery of the Wachovia Bank, located at 4005 W. Lake Mary Blvd., in Lake Mary.

A warrant was served on Wednesday, on Robert G. Jameson, 36, who was being held in the Hillsborough County Jail.

Jameson was arrested Aug. 1 in Hillsborough County in a stolen vehicle. During his arrest, a piece of paper, which appeared to be a bank robbery note, fell out of his pocket. The note was

threatening and went into specific information.

Hillsborough County investigators checked "Fraud Net", a law enforcement database, to see if there were any recent bank robberies where a note, with similar script, was used. They saw the Seminole County case, and contacted this agency.

A photo line-up was done and Jameson was identified as the suspect.

He is being held in the Hillsborough County Jail and will eventually be transferred to Seminole County to face

charges.

The bank robber was last seen driving a red to burgundy, four-door sedan — possibly a 90s model Cadillac, with cream colored top, according to the Sheriff's Office before the arrest was made.

There were no injuries associated with the robbery, and the suspect escaped with an unknown amount of cash, police said.

Anyone with any information about this crime is asked to contact the Seminole County Sheriff's Office or Crimeline.

# Sheriff's Office Investigating death of Inmate who fell

SANFORD — The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a jail inmate that occurred Tuesday, Aug. 2.

According to information from witnesses, John Joseph Mase, 62, was sitting in the dayroom of pod G-2, filling out paperwork, when he fell off of a stool, and was unconscious. The inmate began to gasp for air and fell to the floor, a Sheriff's spokesman said. An emergency code was called.

His vitals were assessed and CPR was initiated. He was transported to Central Florida Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Mase had a medical history. There were no signs of foul play.

Mase had been arrested by the Altamonte Springs Police Department on July 30 for disorderly intoxication.



Mase



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# SEMINOLE SUMMARY

A GLANCE AROUND OUR COUNTY

**Makes you want to hurl:** A new champion has claimed the crown of downtown's worst landlord. That title was held by Sara Jacobson. The Downtown Diva was the long-reigning champ and most recently defended her title by retroactively reinstating a coat of living increase she had promised to waive for Mike Barr, the owner of the Sanford Book Shoppe. Barr was later given a 5-day eviction notice.

But just when you thought the champ would retire with the gaudy title belt, along comes a young challenger to shake up the establishment. In this case it's two young challengers, Denise and Virgil Hurley.



by Dan Ping

**Around the Clock**  
Closing the family business is never easy, especially when you have a wife and three young boys to raise, but fighting cancer is not a part-time job. The Fischers had no other choice but to close.

Drew has already begun radiation and chemotherapy treatments. On Monday he'll begin another five days of chemo. I've never had chemo, but it's got to be better than what the Hurleys are putting Drew and his family through.

The deli closed, but Drew did not remove his coolers, oven and other equipment. He was assured by the Hurleys that given his medical circumstances they would work with him. And they appeared to be doing so early on. Within days of the deli closing, Volcano's Coffee Bar in Longwood contacted the Hurleys about moving into the space. Not only that, officials from Volcano's indicated they would buy Drew's equipment for their business. It seemed like a win-win-win for everyone, so naturally Drew made no arrangements to remove the equipment.

The Hurleys and Volcano's couldn't come to an agreement on the lease and the deal fell through. Since Volcano's wasn't purchasing his equipment, Drew found another buyer. Problem is, the Hurleys won't allow the Fischers to remove the equipment because they claim they are owed about \$6,500, including \$1,100 for rent in July. The remaining expenditures the Hurley's are claiming are for "damage," cleaning, or dubious charges for such things like \$812.50 for correspondence with the Fischers, \$25 to drop off a letter at the Fischers' house or \$60 for 12 pages of faxes.

None of these charges were at issue when it looked like Volcano's would move into the deli's space. With no tenants, it looks like the Hurleys are trying to put the screws on a young family who, through no fault of their own, are literally facing a life-and-death battle.

It's obvious from reading Virgil Hurley's response to the Fischer's attorney he's preparing for his own battle.

"Please direct (the Fischers) to settle this as we have set forth ... or we will have to total up the thee's (sic) and thou's (sic) and we will prevail in small claims court," Virgil Hurley writes.

He latter adds: "Do you know how much small claims courts love it when you rattle off your multiplious business name and speak in legaleze (sic)? I haven't lost in small claims court."

Good for you, Virgil. Just realize most decent people think you're acting like a jackass. You may win in court — then again, defeat comes to the proud when they least expect it.

If it does, you and Denise can always take solace in your new crown — worst landlords in downtown.

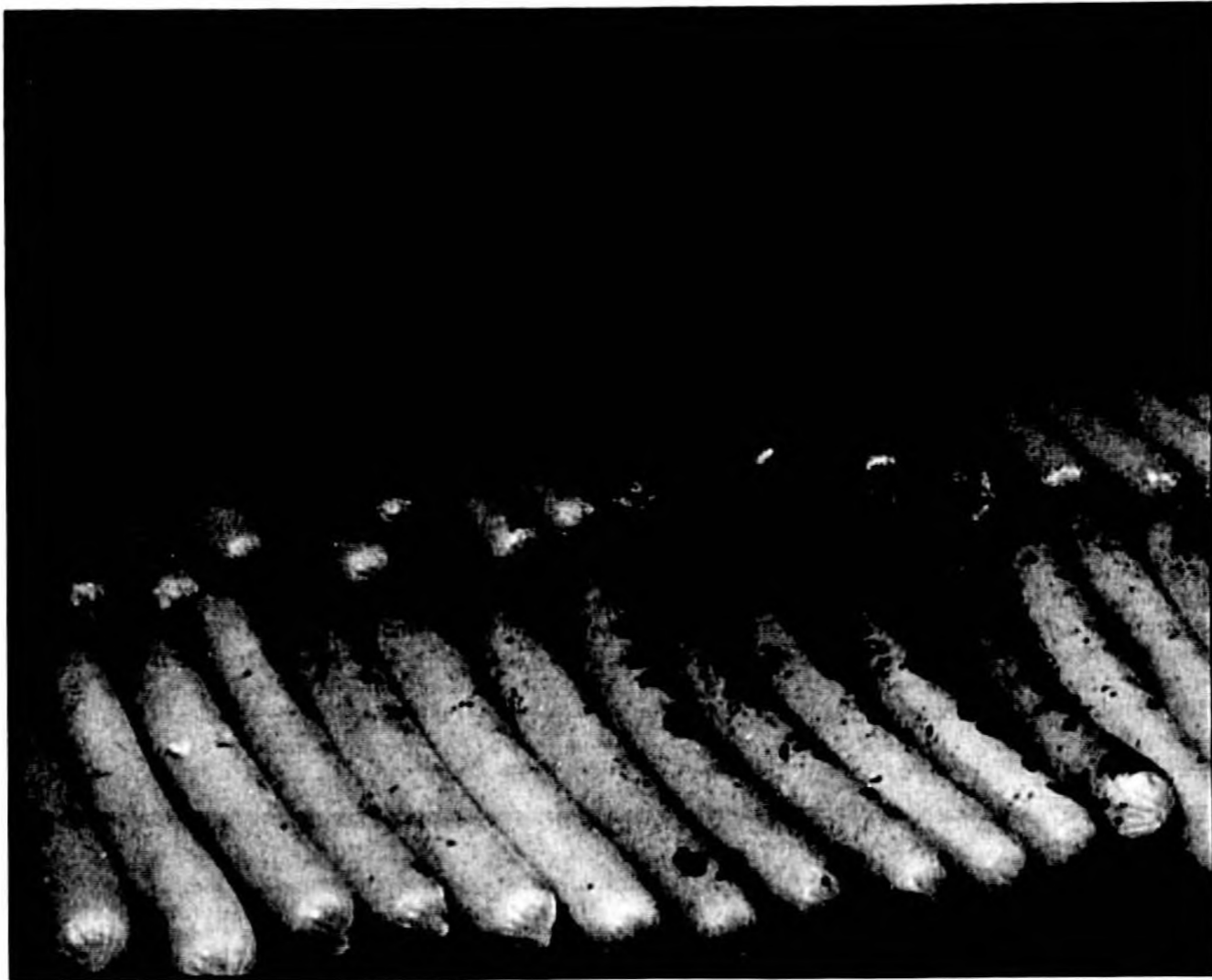
**Showing him the money:** Speaking of hardheaded people, former Sanford city manager Al Grieshaber has a new employer. Grieshaber was named interim city manager of Indian Rocks Beach near Tampa.

He'll earn \$8,000 a month in salary and housing allowance, as well as a \$400 a month car allowance, use of a city vehicle, cell phone and pre-paid E-pass for the toll roads.

Grieshaber proposed the salary and benefits but tried to snooker even more out of the Indian Rocks commission when he asked that the salary be "net" after taxes. The commission balked and one even suggested reducing the salary.

Grieshaber continues to draw about \$10,000 a month plus benefits from the city of Sanford. He'll do so through the end of November.

## Dog Days



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

In what appears to be a cloning project of dogs here in Sanford. These dogs are all manufactured equally at the meat processing plant. The hot dogs were being prepared by Sanford Police Department officers for a back to school celebration held at the Westside Boys and Girls Club in Sanford. They bear no resemblance to the cloned puppy "Snuppy" recently unveiled by scientists in South Korea.

### Attempted Murder

• Tremain Clinton Patrick, 22, of Crescent Street, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Thursday at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility where he was being held for questioning. On July 29, he was reportedly involved in an incident at 13th Street and Olive Avenue, in Castle Brewer Court, at which time shots were fired. He had reportedly been involved in a dispute with a female in her vehicle with two small children. Patrick was charged with three counts of felony, attempted murder, and two counts of shooting a missile into a vehicle.

### Drug related

• Kinta Emanuel Simpson, 22, of Scott Street, and George Warren, 20, of Collins Street, Osteen, were arrested by Sanford police Thursday in the 1400 block of Celery Avenue. The two were found in a vehicle reported stolen in Seminole County. Following an investigation and check of the vehicle, Simpson was charged with selling cocaine within 1000 feet of a school area, selling marijuana within 1000 feet of a school area, trespassing in a conveyance, possession of under 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of controlled substances including cocaine. Warren, who was driving the vehicle, was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle, selling cocaine within 1000 feet of a school area, selling marijuana within 1000 feet of a school area, possession of under 20 grams of marijuana and possession of controlled substances including cocaine.

• Curtis Black, 22, of William Clark Court, and Gregory R. Dixon, 24, of Lake Monroe Terrace were arrested by Sanford police on July 27, in the 1400 block of West 13th Street. The two were believed to have been involved in a drug related transaction. Black was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana. Dixon was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

• Nikia Levard Holmes, 31, of Water Street, was arrested by Sanford police on July 27 at 11th Street and South Maple Avenue. He was charged with possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

• Richard Scott, 30, of Gilbert Street, Lake Monroe, was arrested by Sanford police on July 27 at 25th



Street and Georgia Avenue. He was found parked in McKibbin Park. He was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 1000 feet of a school area, possession of an open container in the vehicle, and driving with a suspended license.

• Dorsett Solomon, 23, of Bob Thomas Circle, was arrested by Sanford police on July 26, at Mangoustine Avenue and 14th Street. He was charged with trafficking in cocaine (28 grams), and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

### Multiple Charges

• Calvin Anthony Copeland, 27, of Harding Avenue, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at 3rd Street and Highway 17-92. Officers stopped him when he was seen not moving at a traffic light when it turned green. He was charged with carrying a prohibited weapon openly (handgun), possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, aggravated assault on a police officer, driving a motor vehicle with disregard for the safety of persons, driving with a suspended license, property damage of \$200 or less, Committing a 2nd degree felony with a weapon (vehicle) and altering the identification number on a firearm.

### Burglary

• Frank A. Rhilander, 43, of Celery Avenue, Sanford, was arrested by Sanford police Wednesday. He was reportedly involved in an altercation in the 1100 block of Sanford Avenue. He was charged with burglary of a dwelling, and property damage of over \$200.

• Eugene Jones, 32, of William Clark Court, was arrested by Sanford police outside his residence. He was charged with violation of the county ordinance on possession of an open container in a semi-public parking lot.

### Assault - Battery

• Jesse Lee Meister, 23, of

Altamonte Springs, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday on Murphy Road in Casselberry. He reportedly was involved in an altercation at a residence in the 100 block of Long Leaf Pine Circle in Sanford. He was charged with battery - touch or strike, simple assault with intent to do violence, and burglary with assault or battery.

• Lorenzo Brundidge, 36, of West 10th Street, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday at his residence. He reportedly was involved the previous day in a dispute with a female in the 800 block of Pecan Avenue. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (knife), and battery - causing bodily harm.

• Kelly Morgan, 32, of Palm Way, was arrested by Sanford police Tuesday in the 300 block of Bay Avenue where he was said to have been involved in a dispute with a female and a male. He was charged with two counts of battery - causing bodily harm.

### Thefts

• Natashan Sprowl, 19, of Deltona, was arrested by Sanford police Monday at a store on W.P. Ball Boulevard. He reportedly took approximately \$1,394.98 in merchandise without paying. He was charged with larceny — theft of over \$300 but less than \$5,000.

### Traffic Stops

• Daniel Scott Abby, 26, of Tucker Drive, Sanford, was stopped by Sanford police Wednesday at Highway 17-92 and 24th Street. He was charged with driving with a suspended license, tag improperly displayed, and giving a false ID to a law enforcement officer.

• Gary John Stuhr, 45, of Lake Monroe, was stopped by Sanford police Wednesday at First Street and French Avenue. He was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs, and not carrying a driver's license.

• Curtis Demonte Lee, 20, of William Clark Court, was stopped by Sanford police on June 10 in the 1500 block of West 15th Street. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, and possession of under 20 grams of marijuana.

## OUT & ABOUT

### SAT 6

**First Baptist Church Music Ministry** will present "Raise the Praise", a program of contemporary Christian and Gospel music at 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church is located at 519 Park Avenue. This is a free concert and open to all. For additional information phone 407-322-6041.

**Brethren Reaching Out** presents the 5th National Young People's Appreciation Event from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Images of Glory, 270 N. Orlando Ave., Sanford. This will be a special recognition for all children. The event will feature speakers, gospel entertainment and refreshments.

### MON 8

**The Winter Springs City Commission** will meet beginning at 6:30 p.m. in city hall. Firefighters will be honored at this meeting, which contains an unusually long agenda, including items pertaining to The Landings at Parkstone, Wallace Subdivision, Village Market Place and a warehouse on Belle Avenue.

### TUE 9

**A workshop** will be held on Florida Aquatic preserve Management. The preserve in this area is the Wekiva-Middle St. Johns Aquatic Preserve, 8300 West SR-46 in Sanford. For more information and location, contact Marsha Butler at 407-330-6733.

### WED 10

**The U.S. Navy** will hold training exercises at Pinecastle Bombing Range in Astor from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. and again for one hour around the noontime on Thursday, Aug. 11. At times, noise from the explosions may be heard in the Seminole County area.

### THU 11

**"A Tisket, a Tasket, Everything in a Basket"** luncheon will be held by the Altamonte Springs-Maitland Christian Women's Club, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Maison & Jardin Restaurant, 430 Wymore Road in Altamonte Springs. The luncheon is \$19. Reservations are needed by calling Brenda at 407-681-1942 or Kit at 407-322-1047.

### SAT 13

**The Fab Follies** will present the opening of its new musical, "In The Pink" on Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Orlando Repertory Theatre, Loch Haven Park — Across from the Orlando Science Center, 1001 Princeton St., Orlando, FL 32803.

Box Office 407-896-7365. Reserved Seating \$15.

### MON 15

**The monthly child passenger seat checkup** for all citizens of Sanford will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. at Sanford Fire Station #2, 300 E. Airport Blvd., in Sanford. For an appointment call Tim Robles at 407-302-2520.

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# CRA

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Approximately \$100,000 was suggested by Parsell to be used as a contingency construction fund, with another \$30,000 in a general contingency fund.

If those suggestions are used in the budget, the CRA would have about \$249,333 that could be used for other downtown projects, with \$50,000 in reserves that were carried over from the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

CRA member Jeff Triplett said he would like to see the next year's budget set up in a more organized fashion so that the CRA wasn't getting hit up for "nickel and dime crap".

"We should speak to everyone at one time so we know exactly where we are," he said.

Parsell said: "I don't know if it's that easy."

Triplett continued by saying that the CRA is "notorious" for handing out \$20,000 here and \$30,000 there.

"We know what they are. Let's put them on paper and be done with it," Triplett said.

Planning and Community Development Director Russ Gibson told Triplett and the other members that the executive director, who will come on board soon, could help the CRA with a more refined budget.

"Very eloquently put and you didn't even say the word crap," Triplett joked.

CRA member Robert Kuhn said that the CRA needed to set up an emergency fund for construction of dilapidated buildings in the downtown area.

The CRA had asked for legal advice at last month's meeting due to a few unsafe buildings downtown that may need repairs.

Mayor Linda Kuhn had informed the CRA that in Florida Statute 163.370, the CRA has the power to carry out plans for a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings.

At Wednesday's meeting, the CRA concluded and approved that the city com-

mission will be asked to take action on the buildings downtown that are currently threatening the safety of the public and other building owners.

Mayor Kuhn told the CRA that they don't want to lose the city's historical structures.

"I think you have the ability to create a revolving fund to help building owners," she said.

Kuhn said that the city has building owners who either won't fix the problem or who can't financially fix the problem.

"The problem is the teeth of it," Triplett said. "Do we fine them?"

CRA member Charles Rowe said that it could be an administrative warrant to include pictures of the building. Because of the public safety issue, he asked?

CRA member Robert Kuhn said, "We don't have time. We have a responsibility to act on these."

A motion was made and approved to advise the city to take action on the buildings immediately for the protection of the city of Sanford.

In other news, the CRA: Listened to a presentation by downtown building and business owner Virgil Hurley on Alive After Five.

Hurley was asked at last month's meeting to find out from downtown businesses if they are interested in continuing the event. Hurley told CRA members Wednesday that the overwhelming response was yes. In fact, he suggested that participating businesses would be interested in contributing \$50 in real dollars or in services of some kind to the event.

He has also received donation money from local businesses to keep the event going.

"We have a lot of people who want to participate," Hurley said.

Hurley said he has had inquiries from the Central Florida Zoological Park, the Sanford Flower Shop and others.

Hurley suggested opening up the event to spread out

through downtown and not just limited to Magnolia Square.

Other suggestions were making each month a different theme, such as "pumpkins" in October or "turkey art" in November.

Another suggestion was moving the event from Thursday to Friday. Hurley said he looked into other towns who have similar events and Friday events seem to be the way to go.

"To make it a destination for the night," Hurley said.

The event is also looking to use coupons that are date specific, which would be given out in Magnolia Square.

Other features for the event Hurley suggested were: e-vites; reusable directional signs out on French Avenue; broadcasts; and alley art and mural projects.

"We may be able to double or triple the turnout," Hurley told the CRA.

CRA member Triplett said that this is one of the events he likes, because it is continuous.

"I like it Virgil. If I were you, I'd be there on the 29th," Triplett said.

Listened to a preliminary report on the citizen's surveys for Fort Mellon Park from Russ Gibson. So far, eight per-

cent of the surveys have been returned and 5.7 percent have been tabulated.

CRA member Charles Rowe wanted to know where geographically the surveys came in from. Gibson explained that they weren't focused on where they came in from, but that they could determine somewhat by what billing area the surveys came from.

"There is the opportunity to get some limited information on that," Gibson said.

The conclusions to date, are that Fort Mellon Park is not visited on a regular basis, but is mostly visited on the weekends. There is also no seasonal preference on when people visit the park.

There was a greater emphasis on activities and special events as opposed to specific amenities.

Nineteen percent are interested in a fitness trail and another 19 percent are interested in having a splash pad. A play fort came in with 14 percent interest and 12 percent were interested in having a tot lot.

More than 25 percent were interested in three separate areas that included special events such as music and jazz festivals, food festivals, and

art and craft shows.

"We're very pleased with the direction and comments the public provided us with," Gibson said.

Gibson said that one woman put down her name and phone number and offered to volunteer with park cleanup.

CRA member Rowe said he was still interested in seeing basketball courts at the park, although it came in low of what people would like to see there. All amenities such as shuffleboard, tennis courts, basketball courts and volleyball came in with low percentages.

Received all of its permits for the Phase I portion of the North Shore Marina Island. Phase I of the project will include a beach, seawall and boat ramp. The CRA is hoping to start advertising for bid proposals for the more than \$500,000 project next week.

Phase II of the project will include boat slips, and the North Shore Marina Island will have public access.

# Landscape worker's death Investigated

WINTER SPRINGS — The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a landscape worker, which occurred outside a home in the Winter Springs area Wednesday evening.

Jeffrey Atkins, 25, was transplanting trees at 1163 Oak Creek Court in Winter Springs when he became pinned between the cage roof and arms of a Bobcat loader. A co-worker was able to release the arms of the Bobcat to free Atkins, who is from Longwood, a Sheriff's Office spokesman said.

According to information obtained by investigators, the workers were employees of Orlando Scape and Sod.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has been contacted and will assist the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

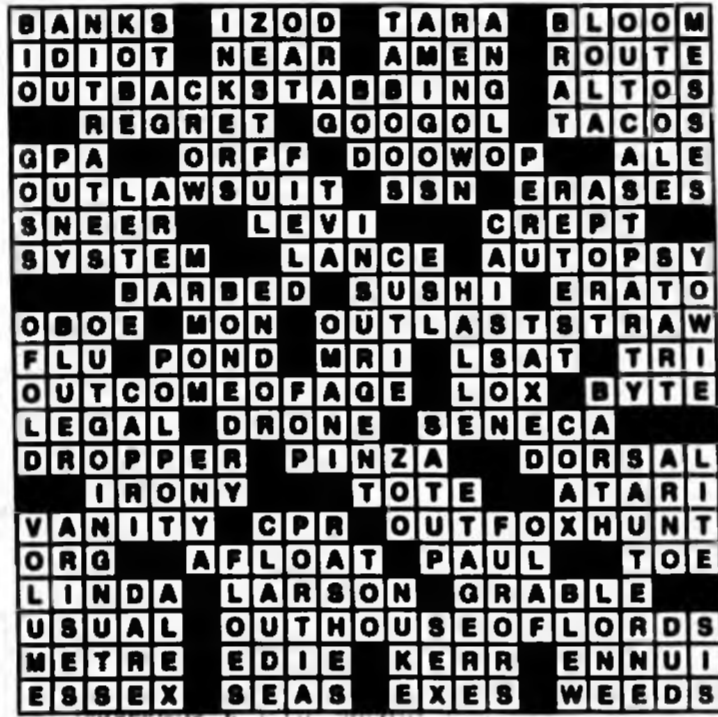
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# OPINION

## No driver's license required

This is the second column on my recent trip to Italy. As I said last week, this is not to entice anyone to make a similar vacation trip; only to report on what I saw that I thought might be of interest to my readers.

This is the first time I have included a photo in my column. This is a vehicle I saw being driven throughout the country. Needless to say, we don't have these cars in the United States.



Nick Pfeifauf

Locals call them "Drunk Cars". I never did learn the manufacturer because there were no decals or letters indicating the brand. As I was told, any time a motorist anywhere in Italy is cited for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI), his or her driver's license is taken away. They could, however, continue to drive by operating one of these vehicles, and apparently most folks did. The vehicles do not require the driver to have a license, and as a result, they were legal. Drivers from age 14 up, (too young to have a license), could legally drive them on the streets and highways.

As the photo indicates,



Photo by Nick Pfeifauf

This Roman vehicle is only as long as most of our cars are wide.

these were small cars - with only one seat. No, they weren't modified golf carts; they were real automobiles, with a real engine in them.

Parking in the cities of Italy, to my observance, was more difficult than in any other area I have seen. There was simply no place to park, and very few parking lots. But the folks who drove these cars had easier parking. The cars are so short, they could go between two parked vehicles, sideways, without sticking out into traffic. They were as short as the average car was wide. And that's saying a lot, because almost all of the other vehicles were small in size. Most of them could seat only four people, and in them, the back seat was usually cramped. The

only cars capable of carrying six or more persons were considered busses.

My SUV, capable of carrying seven people if I put the seats down, would be considered extremely large. In fact, I saw hardly any SUV's anywhere. Likewise, in nine days of travel, I saw only one full-sized pickup truck, and that was an old American truck at a construction site.

Guessing the transportation, I would estimate about one-third of the people were in cars, one third on motorcycles and one third on motor scooters. Oh yes, I heard practically no horns being blown. You either get out of the way or get hit by one of them.

As far as large trucks, I did not see any semi rigs or other

trucks which had their engine under a hood. They were all COE's (Cab over Engine) rigs, even 18-wheelers or doublewides. I thought this was unusual and I don't know why there were no trucks like we see them on the highways.

Finally, I would like to report on Venice, one of several cities I visited. I probably should have read up on Venice before the trip, but I thought I knew enough about it: a city with a bunch of canals running between the buildings. WRONG! These are 100 separate islands, connected with bridges, and all buildings are on stilts. In fact, they are building a new Hilton Hotel on one of the islands, and they told us the hotel would be mounted on over ONE MILLION stilts. WOW!

There were only two islands where cars were permitted, and they had to be transported by barge. The rest of the islands had only bikes or foot transportation. There were millions of boats, gondolas, ferryboats, motorized barges, and most any other type of watercraft one could imagine. Yes, we rode in a gondola, but the oarsman didn't sing. And they didn't push the craft, these were oars which they rowed while standing on a small 4 by 4 foot platform. They said it took three years of training for anyone to become a gondola oarsman.

I can see why.

## Your Views

### Justice for all unless you can't afford it

To the Editor:

Since the introduction of democracy in this country, two of the most distinguishable rights that derive from it are freedom and justice for all, or is it?

Throughout the years of my life, barring the unfortunate opportunity to observe and feel the machinery of justice, I've come to the conclusion that yes, there is freedom for all, but only justice for some in our country.

Our judicial system was crafted by our Founding Fathers as a tool, with the purpose to be exercised as a blind mechanism without discrimination. It is not so. More and more, I have seen with my own eyes, that justice definitely is not blind, but does open its eyes only to those who have the economic means to buy it.

In our judicial system, our lawyers all go through the same

academic rigor and when they become qualified to use the system, some turn into private practice lawyers. Others turn into lawyers working for our public defense system.

Why is it that when a private practice lawyer brings a case into court, he gets all the undivided attention for his client, but when a public defender lawyer comes to court, he or she is looked at as a second rate professional, and his client as a second-class citizen. It's because he or she doesn't have the financial stability of others.

There are people like me who are incarcerated (so far 10 months for driving with suspended license) on a traffic violation, while others that have private lawyers and have committed crimes that range from child molestation to rape and to other violent crimes, that are free on house arrest or probation.

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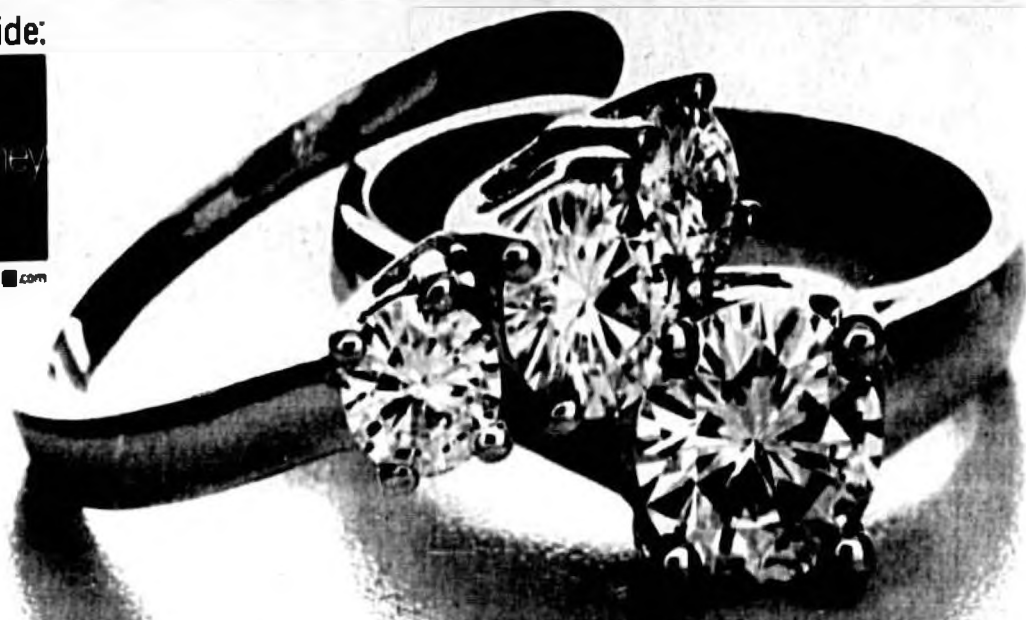


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# Obituaries

## SANDRA LEE ARMSTRONG

Sandra Lee "Sandy" Armstrong, 57, of Casselberry, died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005 at her residence. Born in Bayville, Ohio, she moved to Central Florida in 1978. She was a homemaker. Survivors include husband, Roger Armstrong of Casselberry, daughters, Leslie Armstrong of College Park and Kristy Porter of Casselberry; father, Lester Januska of Melbourne; brother, Bobby Januska of Avon Lake, Ohio, and sister, Susan Turner of Hilton Head, S.C.; three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at Collison Family Funeral Homes with burial by Metro Crematory.

Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

## CHARLES J. "KIT" CARSON

Charles J. "Kit" Carson, 84, of Lake Mary, died Sunday, July 31, 2005 at Vitas Hospice, Winter park. Born in Philadelphia, Penn. he moved to Central Florida 20 years ago. He was the retired owner/operator of a lawn service. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and a Methodist.

Survivors include wife, Faye Carson; sons, Michael Carson of Chicago, Michael Lodge of Palm Bay and Terry Lodge of DeBary; daughter, Carmal Morelli of Mason, Ohio; six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005 at Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Brinkey officiating. Burial was by Metro Crematory. Donations may be made in his name to Sanford Christian Sharing Center, 515 E. 25th Street, Sanford, 32773.

Collison Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, Gramkow Chapel, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

**RAFAEL A. CHARRON**  
Rafael A. Charron, 53, of Clermont, died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 in Orlando. He was born Jan. 28, 1952 in Mayaguez, P.R.

He was a driver. Survivors include mother Sonia Dalati; brother, Yamil A. Charron; half brothers Antonio Charron, Harold Charron and Robert Charron. Banfield Funeral Home, Winter Springs, in charge of arrangements.

## RICHARD A. FRANK JR.

Richard A. Frank, Jr., 75, of Sanford, died Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005 at Island Lake Center, Longwood. Born in St. Cloud, he moved to Sanford at an early age and graduated from Seminole High School in 1948. He was a department manager for Suniland Corp. for 43 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of All Souls Catholic Church.

Survivors include wife, Viola S. Frank; sons, Tollie Frank and Chris Frank; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. at All Souls catholic Church with burial at Oaklawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to All Souls Catholic Church Third century Campaign, 301 West 8th Street, Sanford, 32771.

Brisson Funeral Home, Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

## KENNETH LEE GIBSON

Kenneth Lee Gibson, 72, of Altamonte Springs, died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005 in Gainesville. He was born Nov. 15, 1932 in Tennessee. He was a Baptist and a senior marketing representative in the plastic industry.

Survivors include daughters, Jill Gibson Bennett and Pamela Gibson; sons, Kerneth M. Gibson and Jonathon Gibson; sister, Janice Book; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church,

Sanlando Springs. Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

## GRANT "BOOKER" HANLEY

Grant "Booker" Hanley, 61 of Sanford, died Tuesday, July 26, 2005 in Sanford. He was born March 1, 1944 in Owensboro, Ky.

Survivors include longtime companion, Linda; children, Benzella, Rochelle, Sherrie, Grant Jr., Robert, David, Marie, DeSheka, Calvin, Yolanda, Karlene, Lisa, Terrile, Watena, and Gregory; 32 grandchildren.

## FRANK G. HENDRY

Frank G. Hendry, 84, of Winter Park, died Sunday, July 31, 2005. Born in Arcadia, Florida, he was a lifelong Florida resident. He was a professional sailor in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include wife, Dorothy E. Hendry of Winter Park; daughters, Marsha Sansonetti of South Carolina, Marilyns Roheris of Sanford, Linda Patterson of Tennessee, Beverly Rodriguez of Apopka; sons, Michael Hendry of Jacksonville, Steve Hendry of Winter Park; sister, Carlton Green of Sarasota; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren.

Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka, in charge of arrangements.

## ZACKRYA A. MALIK

Zackra A. Malik, 18 months, of Longwood, died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 in Gainesville. He was born March 8, 2003 in Orlando.

Survivors include parents, Adnan and Iram Malik of Longwood; sister, Sabryna

Malik of Longwood; maternal grandparents Moira and Rana Munit of Manchester, England; paternal grandparents Nasima and Zafar Malik of Pakistan.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 5, from the Masjid Al Salan Islamic Society of Central Florida with interment in Oaklawn Park Cemetery.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

## CHARLES S. MELI

Charles S. Meli, 85, of Sanford and Greenwood Lake, N.Y., died Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at Orange Regional Medical Center in Goshen, N.Y. He was born March 20, 1920 in New York City. He was retired from the New York City department of Sanitation. He was a member of the VFW, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and the Italian American Club, all of Sanford.

Survivors include wife, Jessie Meli; children, Rose F. Rizzo of Leesburg, Jessica J. Meli of Ormond Beach, Maureen Walker of Deltona, Charles J. Meli of Greenwood Lake; sister, Lorraine DeVarti of Greenwood Lake; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass was celebrated Friday, Aug. 5, at All Souls Catholic Church in Sanford.

## CLARENCE E. MIDDLEBROOKS JR.

Clarence E. Middlebrooks, Jr., 74, of Lake Mary, died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005 in Lake Mary. He was born Aug. 3, 1931 in Barnesville, Ga. He was a

real estate land developer and a Lutheran.

Survivors include wife, Ruby A. Middlebrooks of Lake Mary; son, Mark Middlebrooks of Miami.

Visitation will be Saturday from 5 until 8 p.m. at Oaklawn chapel.

Funeral services will be Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Orlando at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Oaklawn Park Cemetery.

Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.

## JOHN PAVLIS

John Pavlis, 81, of Orlando, died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005 at Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Winter park. He was born in New York City and moved to central Florida from Long Island in 1970. He was a business administrator.

Survivors include wife, Cathleen Pavlis of Orlando; sons, John Pavlis of Orlando, Thomas Pavlis of Hawaii, and Peter Pavlis of New York; daughter, Cathleen Oppelt of Casselberry; brother, Edward Pavlis of Massachusetts; seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Collison Family Funeral Homes Howell Branch Chapel with burial by Metro Crematory

Collison Family Funeral homes & Crematory, Howell Branch Chapel, Winter Park, in charge of arrangements.

## TREKITA K. ROBINSON

Trekita K. Robinson, 24, of Orlando, died Monday, Aug. 1,

2005 at Orlando Regional Hospital. She was born June 21, 1981 in Portsmouth, Va. She was in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include parents, Carl and Karen Robinson of Orlando; son, Trevon K. Robinson of Orlando; brothers Sean T. Robinson and KaDarius D. Robinson, both of Orlando; grandparents, Florine Young and Jessie Murphy, both of Portsmouth, Va.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 6 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's M.B. Church, Orlando, Rev. Arthur Graham, pastor.

Wilson-Eichelberger Mortuary, Inc., Sanford, in charge of arrangements.

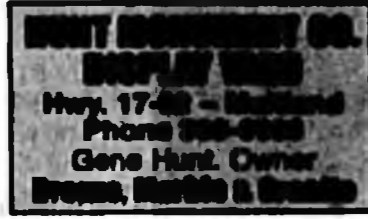
## DAVID SCOTT RYCZEK

David Scott Ryzcek, 40, of Windermere, died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005 in Lake Mary. He was born July 10, 1965 in Syracuse, N.Y. He was a real estate agent for Keller-Williams Realtors. He was Catholic.

Survivors include wife, Constance Ryzcek of Orlando; daughters, Sophia Ryzcek and Lauren Ryzcek, both of Orlando; mother, Linda Schuele of Boynton Beach; father, Stephen Ryzcek of Syracuse, N.Y.; brother, Stephen Ryzcek of Boynton Beach.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 5 at the Oaklawn Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Leukemia Society of America (for children), Central Florida Chapter, 3101 Maguire Blvd., Suite 225, Orlando 32803.

Baldwin-Fairchild, Oaklawn Chapel, Sanford/Lake Mary, in charge of arrangements.



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# LIFESTYLE

## The Way We Were:

### Return to October 1948

The following items are edited from the Monday, Oct. 25, 1948 edition of The Sanford Herald. Rolland L. Dean was editor and Gordon Dean, business manager.

#### Funeral Services for H.J. Lehman Held

Funeral services for Herman J. Lehman had been held that day at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. E.D. Brownlee and Rev. Douglas Charles officiating. Graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery had been conducted by the Order of Eastern Star.

Lehman, 74, had died suddenly the previous Friday as he was leaving for work as manager of the Sanford State Farmer's Market.

Active pallbearers were James Gillon, L.T. Sheppard, Harold Kastner, Joseph Corley, Victor Greene and Earl Turner. Honorary pallbearers were the deacons and elders of First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Lehman had come to Sanford in about 1915 after a successful career in contracting and wholesale grocery business in Indiana. He became a successful celery farmer in this area and was also active in the community. He was a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian, president of the Sanford Rotary club, and served on the city commission, and was Mayor of Sanford. He also represented the county in the state legislature for two terms.

"Mr. Lehman was the oldest State Farm Market manager in the system and was held in high esteem by all who knew him" said William Witson, Director of the State Farmers Markets. "His market was one of the best in the system and we will find it hard to replace him."

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jennie Lehman, daughters, Mrs. Herbert Russell and Mrs. William S. Brumley of Sanford, and Mrs. George H. Cross of Arizona; son, Rodman Lehman of Winter Park, and several grandchildren.

The offices of city hall had been closed that afternoon in honor of the former mayor and the flag at the municipal pier hung at half-mast.

#### Willink Funeral Set for Tuesday

Funeral services would be held at 10 a.m. for Fred J. Willink, 62, who had died on Saturday following a lengthy illness.

A resident of Sanford for the past 22 years, he had served as assistant postmaster for seven years. Since that time, he had operated a filling station on Sanford Avenue.

He was born April 10, 1886 in Clymer, N.Y. and came to Sanford from Westfield, N.Y. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Sanford.

He was survived by his widow Carrie Willink, daughters, Mrs. Jack (Pauline) Stemper, Mrs. Grower (Mirian) Williams of Sanford and Mrs. J.W. (Margaret) McKinnon of Oviedo, son, Edward Willink, Sanford, one brother, L.M. Willink of Clymer, N.Y. and six grandchildren.

Services would be conducted by Dr. E.D. Brownlee and Rev. Douglas Charles. Burial would be in Evergreen Cemetery. Paul bearers would be A.W. Hamil, Phil C. Stanley, Jr., Alfred Stanley, L.T. Sheppard, H.A. Moreland, and S.J. Davis.

#### Hartline Services Held

Funeral services had been held that morning at Erickson Funeral Home for William Henry Hartline, 83, who had died at his home on West First Street the previous Friday. Rev. W.P. Brooks officiated at the service and burial was at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Hartline had lived in Sanford for 29 years and had operated the Westside Grocery from 1920 to 1927. Prior to that he had operated a store for many years in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was born Feb. 26, 1865 in Sinclair County, Alabama.

Survivors included his widow Emma B. Hartline, two sons, W.C. Hartline of Sanford and F.J. Hartline of Chattanooga, three brothers, all of Chattanooga and two grandchildren.

Paul bearers were L.A. Lavett, Charlie Carlson, Jack Sandifer, W.O. Stansell, J.V. Jones and C.C. Gantt.

#### Betty Billhimer Winner of Contest

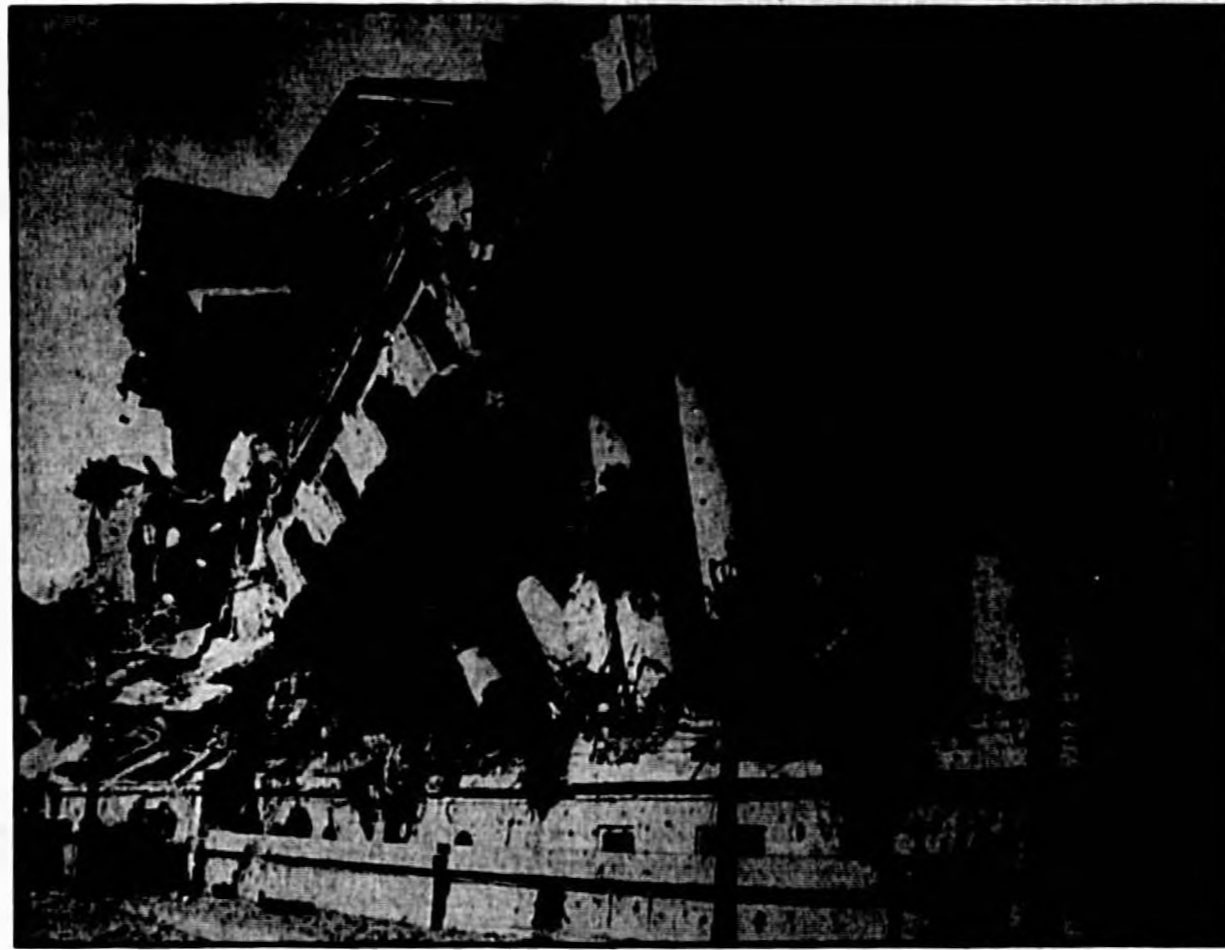
Betty Billhimer of 80 Catalina Drive, was named the winner of the Herald's Football Contest, sponsored the previous week by the Mather Furniture Company. Don Howard of 1103 Oak Avenue was declared the second place winner with Al McMillan, Mary Anne Watson and Edwin Madden winners of 3rd through 5th prizes.

Miss Billhimer had selected 12 of 15 winners correctly as had Mr. Howard, but her ballot was received first. The other winners selected 11 correctly.

Miss Billhimer would receive a table lamp and Mr. Howard a smoking stand, both from Mathers. The other three winners would receive passes to see "The Babe Ruth Story" at the Ritz Theater.

(Note: All of these winners except Al McMillan were school children. Betty and Don would have been in high school. Edwin and Mary Anne were much younger.)

The next week's contest would be sponsored by Purcell's and the Ritz Theater. First place would receive an overnight bag and second place would receive either a shirt or blouse. The Ritz Theater would give two passes to the next three winners to see "Julia Misbehaves" starring Great Carson and Walter Pigeon.



### Atomic devastation

U.S. Navy photographer Wesley Place, top photo during World War II, was one of the first people allowed into Hiroshima, Japan, after the atomic bomb detonated in Aug. 8, 1945. Place and his wife, Betty, eventually moved to Sanford. He died in 1990. Betty showed his photos to The Herald to mark the 60th anniversary of the bombing. She said Wesley didn't talk about Hiroshima much. "He let the pictures do the talking," she said. Betty was back home raising a family and she didn't know much about what was happening. She said Wesley didn't write down what the photos depict. He worked in law enforcement locally, Betty said, adding that he loved both careers.



Photo by Marva Hawkins  
Director of the West Sanford Boys and Girls Club Sandra Brown, right, presented the 2003, 2004, and 2005 youth of the year a gift of appreciation for their dedication and representation of the local club.

### Students close summer with talent

The West Sanford Boys & Girls Club presented its summer closing program recently with the theme, "Youth of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

The theme was in conjunction with a musical Motown background, and made for a fun, talented evening, where the students displayed their various talents and all that was taught by the adult leaders of the club.

Britt Henderson and Marcus Robinson were masters of ceremonies for the program.

Tim Timmons led the audience in the pledge to the flag. Victor Grandowski recited the Boys and Girls Club code.

Jemmona Anderson gave the welcome.

The Boys and Girls Club youth of the year for 2003 was Tasha Wright, for 2004, Tasha Tanner, and for 2005, Nikita Anderson. These young ladies represented the West Sanford Branch and will attend the college of their choice. Ms. Wright will attend Herzing School of Message, Ms. Tanner will attend the University of South Florida, and Ms. Anderson will attend Valencia Community College.

The West Sanford Junior Divas performed their diva dance. Dancers were Destiny Wiggins, Ebony Williams, Sharonda Lovett, Heather Ajilla, Chantel Elenus, Paige Jackson, Dyesha McCord, Taylor Mulvaney, Brianna Powell, Jhaerika Lawrence and Tyqvante Fuller.

West Sanford Unity Dance Team presenting their routine were Danielle Adams, Kanisha Henderson, Jalonee Hopkins and Chevonya Scott.

The latest in fashions were modeled by the students including church wear, business suits, formal attire, sportswear, and school wear. Models were Travis Knight, LaTasha Tanner, Tim Timmons, Kikita Anderson, Mike Tanner, Robyn Borders, Byrann Rudolph, Gentry Adams, Solomon Timmons, Andrea Cone, LaToya Tanner, Charles Green and Tasha Wright.

The latest group of the Supremes were heard at the Motown show singing, "Stop in the Name of Love". The song was sung by Destiny Wiggins, Paige Jackson and Darcy Thomas. "Hit the Road Jack, and Don't Come Back" was sung by the Ray Charles Singers, B.J. Borders, Peggy Smith, Danielle Adams and Roshelle Ravenel.

Showing their talent and style was the Five Heartbeats, B.J. Borders, DeAndre Hartsfield, Jabari Felton, Demond Smith and Tra Williams.

West Sanford Boys and Girls Club Destiny Child trio was Dyesha McCord, Sharonda Lovett and Tyqvante Fuller. The group closed out the evening of Youth Dedication to Music, and a summer to remember.

Greater Faith AME Church, 1290 E. Normandy Blvd., Deltona, invites the community to come and celebrate their Fifth Anniversary. Pastor is Rev. Caroline Shine, Sister Fannie Miller is chairperson; sister Annie Williams is Special Projects chairperson. They desire your presence and participation at their Choirs on Parade program, Saturday, Aug. 6, at 4 p.m.

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In concert, Saturday, Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. at the New Bethel Baptist Church, 618 E. 10th Street, will be the renowned Luther Barnes and the Sunset Jubilaires of Rocky Mount, N.C. Also appearing will be Cynthia Cassanova-Brown and the New Bethel Male Chorus.

Come and enjoy the 2005 stellar award winner and Grammy Nominee singing their release "It's Your Time", 2005 Gospel Heritage Award, 2005 Inductee to the International Gospel music Hall of Fame Winner of Vision, Dove, and

See Hawkins, Page 7A

### Stetson's Corner The man behind the swan

On the northwest corner of Old Mims Road and Snowhill Road, a graceful white swan "swims" on Horse Pond. I was privileged to meet the woman behind the man behind the swan. Mrs. Treva Rucker speaks quietly and lovingly about her husband,

Delbert Blain Rucker, "The Swan Man", who passed away June 23 after losing his battle with prostate cancer. "He was a sweet-heart, he still is," she says.

"He always wanted a swan on that pond."

The swan was born of a chicken, well chicken wire actually, and paper mache mixed on Treva's stove. With help from their daughter from Oklahoma City, it took around three months to form and paint it, and in July 2004 the swan atop its platform embarked on its maiden voyage to the center of Horse Pond. Asked how the other birds and wildlife react, Treva replied, "I think they're a little afraid of it."

Treva's husband always loved working with his hands and he was good at it. A true American folk artist, he coaxed beautiful artwork from natural metals. A crucifix, a cowboy, a coal miner, a moonshiner, even a fish made of pennies (with a dime in its eye) are amazing creations made by this West Virginia native. He "saw" things that the rest of us do not and formed them into art.

DB and the swan had their ups and downs—a heart attack and open-heart surgery slowed him down a bit as did the cancer treatments. During the fall of 2004, the swan sank during the hurricanes, was fished out of Horse Pond, and was missing from the pond for a while. But in January 2005, it reappeared lovely as ever.

Treva recalls with a smile how she takes phone calls from people wanting to know



Photo by Karen McEnany-Phillips

This swan was born of a chicken, actually chicken wire and paper mache.

"where can they get a swan like that?" or "how much would you sell that swan for?" The swan's gender is a mystery, although a family friend, dubbed it "Lucy".

This remarkable couple grew up and fell in love as teenagers in West Virginia. "People said we were young, it wouldn't last, but we fooled them," said Treva. They were married in 1942 and lived in West Virginia, Baltimore, Chicago, Vero Beach, and Titusville. DB worked for The Martin Company in Baltimore and served for 3 years in the Navy during WWII, repairing aircraft as an Aviation Metalsmith First Class. In 1957 the Ruckers moved to Titusville and DB worked for Pan American Airlines at Cape Kennedy as a master welder and machinist for the plumbing division. Geneva became their home in 1965 and he retired in 1972, but DB was not one to stay idle. With all his business and machinery experience, he started Ruckers Plumbing in Sanford, which he ran successfully for 12 years.

The Ruckers were married for over 63 years (they did fool 'em) and raised an all-American family—3 children, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. "We're a quiet family," said Treva. Quiet but

busy. Their daughter in Oklahoma has taught school for almost 30 years at a local university, while grandson Joe is a well known country singer in Nashville, who grew up singing with father Jerry, also a singer and song writer. Granddaughter Michelle writes a local newspaper column and is also a talented artist.

Delbert Blain Rucker was a man who loved his family, his faith, and his fishing. He was a husband, friend, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, soldier, welder, businessman, and creator—so much more than the Swan Man. Geneva lost Del Rucker a few weeks ago, and he will continue to be missed by the community of friends, colleagues, customers, and family, all who understood what a very special man he was.

We are glad that a lovely part of his legacy stays with us, floating on the ole swimmin' hole now called Horse Pond.

We need you to tell us what you know that is good about Geneva! Please share your information, ideas and comments by calling 407-221-7002, via e-mail at karenmcp@bellsouth.net, (please put "Stetson's Corner" in the subject line), or with a fax to 407-349-2800. Thanks!



Above, the Five Heartbeats. Above right is one of his West Sanford Branch Boys and Girls Supremes.

Release

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murder. Roundtree's parents had helped by canvassing the neighborhood. Posters in the neighborhood announced a reward for information.

According to police reports three men came forward, Anthony Ferley, Lateric Dixon and Marcus Sheppard.

Sheppard told police he was inside Roundtree's home on Feb. 22, 2001. Initially, he said he left before the murder took place, but just after arriving at a hotel on Lee Road in Orlando, he was told Roundtree had been killed.

Three days later, according to an arrest report, Sheppard said Mulkey approached some Sanford apartments with another black man. Sheppard said Mulkey handed something wrapped in a peach-colored sheet to Anthony Hawkins, Mulkey's brother. According to Sheppard, Mulkey said he killed someone on Third Street.

Sheppard even said Mulkey and Roundtree had previously fought over a girl. Then he said a man who he knew as "Killer" said he was there when Roundtree was shot. Killer supposedly said that the plan was to rob Roundtree, but Mulkey murdered him.

Ferley and Dixon also told police that Mulkey claimed to have killed Roundtree because of the problem with the girlfriend.

Police interviewed Ferley again five days later on Dec. 28, 2003. Ferley said Mulkey came to the house earlier and threatened to kill him and anyone else at the residence.

Ferley reported that Mulkey said Sheppard had told him that Ferley, Dixon and another man had gone to the Lake Mary Police Department saying that Mulkey had killed Roundtree.

Mulkey is still in jail on a charge of tampering with a witness, but his attorney said his family was trying to help him pay the \$3,000 bond.

On Dec. 29, 2003, investigators interviewed Sheppard again. Sheppard told The Herald that he had become a paid informant of the police and earned about \$700.

Mulkey was arrested later that day. Police interviewed Sheppard again on Dec. 31. Before his arrest two days earlier, Mulkey had approached Sheppard about snitching and grabbed him before leaving. Sheppard's girlfriend Shaval Miller told police someone had been yelling.

Nearly a month later on Jan. 23, 2004, Sheppard said he had been part of the robbery plan

against Milton Roundtree. The next day, he wrote on hotel stationery an account of the robbery/murder. He said he did not know that Mulkey was going to shoot Roundtree.

Based on these statements, police arrested Mulkey and Sheppard for first-degree murder.

The reason the two men were released 18 months later is that investigators said there wasn't enough evidence to convict. They said Sheppard was no longer cooperating with police.

If the two had gone to trial and been acquitted, they couldn't be tried again. This decision to release them, investigators said, was so that harder evidence could be found. It was a better alternative than permanently releasing them after a not guilty verdict.

Assistant State Attorney James Carter said Wednesday that the investigation was taking a step back. Some witnesses have changed their story and they want to follow different leads.

Sanford Deputy Chief Darrell Presley said at the news conference Wednesday that the situation was frustrating.

"We've spent a lot of time on this," he said. He still believes Mulkey and Sheppard are involved in the murder.

"We do want a successful prosecution," Presley said. "We owe that to the (Roundtree) family."

Carter said he personally spoke with Roundtree's parents, who said they understood the reasoning for releasing the men. He said he would get with Sanford police and the FDLE to set a new course. They would re-interview witnesses and find new ones.

Lt. Chris Collison told reporters that they are attempting to locate witnesses who have gone into hiding. The witnesses' families are helping to get them to talk to police.

"I want to give my personal assurance that we're not letting this case go," Collison said.

Mulkey's attorney John Galluzzo said to be fair Sanford police had to make the arrests given what investigators were told. The charges should have been dropped earlier, however, as evidence proved the statements were wrong, he said.

"All I can tell you is I've looked at all the evidence," Galluzzo said. "Evidence was clear ultimately that he didn't have anything to do with it." In fact, he said, neither man was involved.

"The problem was that Sheppard made a statement and unwittingly got himself arrested because of it," Galluzzo said.

After his release, Sheppard said he desperate for money at the time and the statements were part of "my foolishness."

"At the time I was looking for a job," Sheppard said. "I took it upon myself to come up with some quick cash."

He said he felt like the more lies he told police, the more they would pay. He was homeless at the time and had a new baby boy, he said, but added that everything happens for a reason.

He had just left the cell he shared with Mulkey. How did Mulkey feel about the lies that cost him 18 months in jail as well?

"He's been OK with it for the whole time," Sheppard said. He said Mulkey gave him a hug before he left and told him to stay strong.

"We both had to get our lives right," Sheppard said. He said he would occupy his time with a job and taking care of his now 2-year-old son.

He has also joined a church, the True Holiness Deliverance Tabernacle of Prayer, he said.

He flashed a wide smile as two women drove up. One was his mother who hugged her son tightly.

"Nobody's going to tell me that prayer doesn't work," Sheppard's mother shouted.



Hawkins

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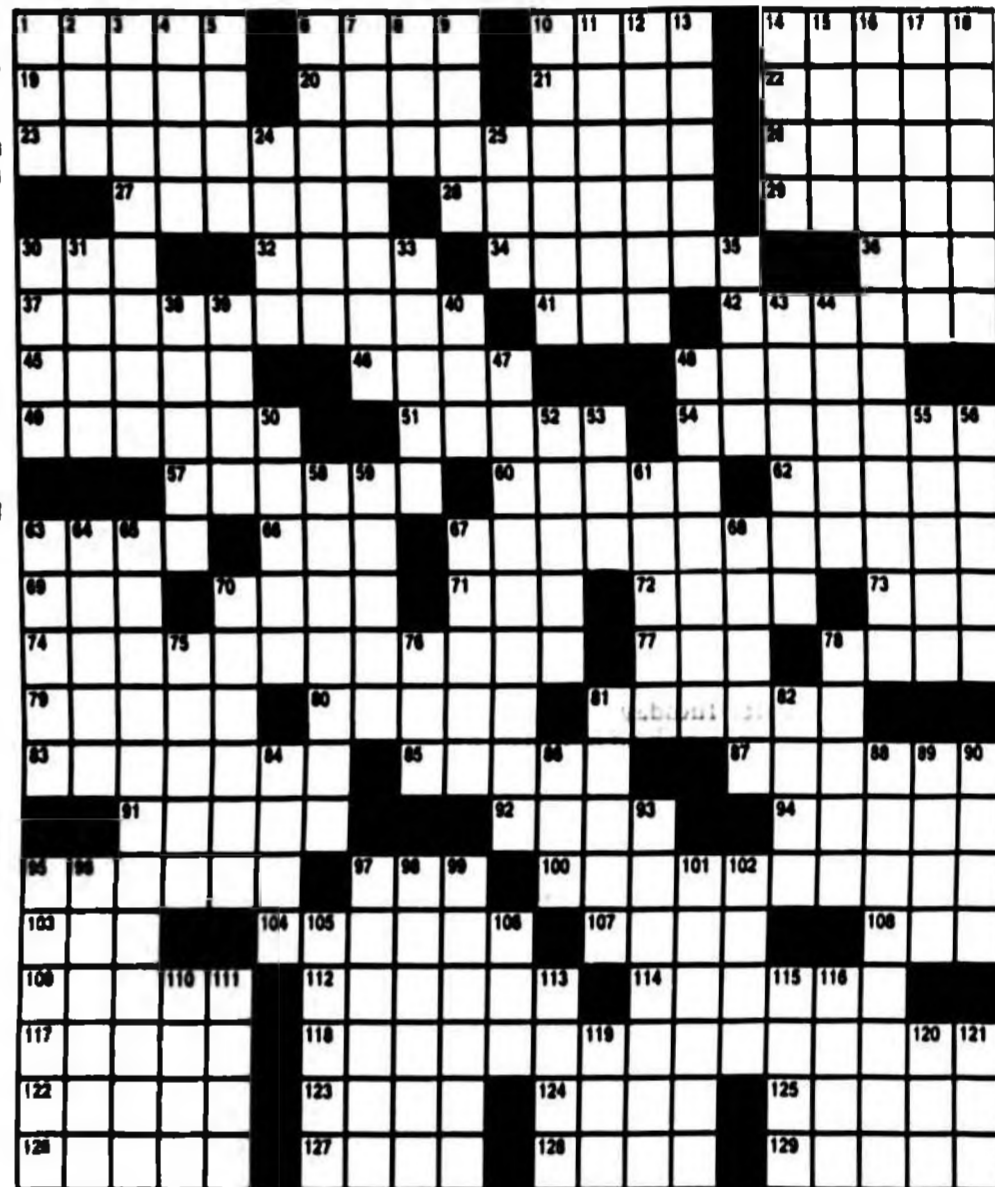
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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- "STARTING OUT"**  
By LYNN LEMPEL
- ACROSS**
- 1 Airplane turns
  - 6 Phillips-Van Heusen brand
  - 10 Butler's place?
  - 14 Open in the garden
  - 19 Menas reject
  - 20 Within earshot
  - 21 Mass utterance
  - 22 Path
  - 23 Crime Down Under?
  - 26 Choral parts
  - 27 Bemoan
  - 28 Humongous number
  - 29 Front fare
  - 30 Transcript no.
  - 32 German composer Carl
  - 34 Street-singing genre
  - 36 Draft pick
  - 37 Bad guy's getup?
  - 41 Common ID
  - 42 Remove
  - 45 Derivative expression
  - 46 Retailer Strauss
  - 48 Moved stealthily
  - 49 Set of principles
  - 51 Cavalry weapon
  - 54 Homicide detective's request
  - 57 Kind of wire
  - 60 Bite-sized dish
  - 62 Sister of Callope
  - 63 Orchestra wind
  - 66 Mary a nat. holiday
  - 67 What the second little pig hoped to do?
  - 69 \_\_\_ shot
  - 70 Poliwog's home
  - 71 It might be done on your back
  - 72 Bar aspirant's hurdle
  - 73 Quadri-precader
  - 74 Aches and pains?
  - 77 Deli delicacy
  - 78 Bunch of bits
  - 79 Sanctioned
  - 80 Buzz
  - 81 Philosopher exiled by Claudius
  - 83 Ophthalmologist's tool
  - 85 "South Pacific" Tony winner
- DOWN**
- 1 Short life story?
  - 2 Soccer phenom Freddy
  - 3 Fertilizer compounds
  - 4 Honshu city
  - 5 Guys-only party
  - 6 Comic book artists
  - 7 Spirited
  - 8 Breakfast grain
  - 9 Big bore
  - 10 Thou-shalt-nots
  - 11 Baja buddies
  - 12 High repute
  - 13 Prefix with American
  - 14 Tantrum thrower
  - 15 "Damn Yankees" siren
  - 16 Pariah's gathering?
  - 17 Seven-time Best Actor runner-up who finally received an honorary Oscar in 2003
  - 18 Piles of clutter
  - 24 Cornfield
  - 25 Hunk's pride
  - 30 Tenet's CIA successor
  - 31 Trifling grounders
  - 33 Handle grounders
  - 35 Lake Titicaca is on its border
  - 38 Do not disturb
  - 39 Focus of study
  - 40 Norris Dam bldr.
  - 43 Exam compared to a prior one
  - 44 Ship's heading
  - 47 Rebel
  - 48 Ammunition chest
  - 50 1983 role-reversal film
  - 52 Darling
  - 53 Night school sub.
  - 55 Get going
  - 56 Damaged cry
  - 58 Parched
  - 59 Witch's home, in I Samuel
  - 61 Barry of movies
  - 63 Bygone
  - 64 Not as cheery
  - 65 Sociable fanatics?
  - 67 Saudi's neighbor
  - 68 Strained
  - 70 Notorious
  - 71 Kumer Rouge leader
  - 75 Bay of Naples resort
  - 78 "Giles Goat-Boy" author
  - 81 Partner of "took notice"
  - 82 Cajole
  - 84 One-named Irish singer
  - 86 Menagerie
  - 88 Semisweet wine
  - 89 River in Tuscany
  - 90 Dieter's watchword
  - 93 Display stand
  - 95 Remote control
  - 96 Comes up
  - 97 Artist Monet
  - 98 Shylock's adversary
  - 99 Skin woes
  - 101 Uproars
  - 102 Lemory
  - 105 Icebreakers' targets
  - 108 Overy
  - 110 Show gumption
  - 111 NFLer-turned-actor Karras
  - 113 Microwave
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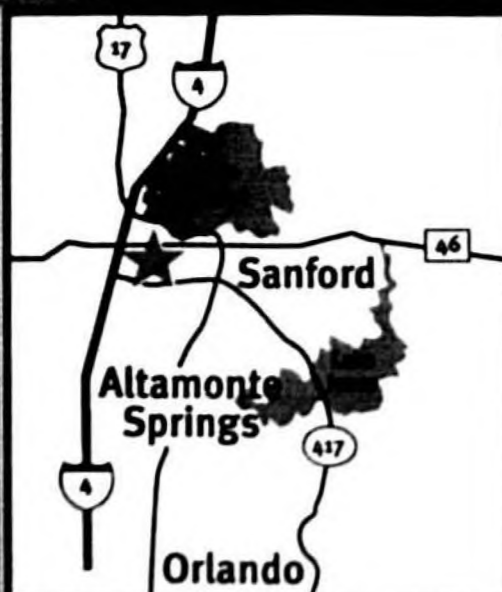
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# Sports

## theBIGS

Weekly stats for Seminole County's Major League Baseball players

**MARK BELLHORN**  
 2B  
 Boston Red Sox

ab	r	HR	rbi	avg.	
283	81	41	7	28	.216

• On disabled list with sprained left thumb suffered on June 17th.

**DAVID ECKSTEIN**  
 SS  
 St. Louis Cardinals

ab	r	HR	rbi	avg.	
408	109	55	4	34	.287

• 3-for-5 with a 2B, his fourth HR, two runs and two RBI against Marlins Wednesday.

**DANNY GRAVES**  
 P  
 New York Mets

w	l	sv	oa	bb	era
1	1	10	17	18	7.16

• Pitched perfect inning against Brewers Thursday. ERA is down to 6.91 with Mets.

**FELIPE LOPEZ**  
 SS  
 Cincinnati Reds

ab	r	HR	rbi	avg.	
373	108	63	18	55	.290

• Just 1-for-12 against Braves after big series against Padres (5-for-13).

**COREY PATTERSON**  
 CF  
 Chicago Cubs

ab	r	HR	rbi	avg.	
314	73	36	11	24	.232

• Improved his average 30 points this week, raising it to .219 with AAA-Iowa.

**JASON VARITEK**  
 C  
 Boston Red Sox

ab	r	HR	rbi	avg.	
315	97	49	17	50	.308

• 2-for-4, 2 runs, 2B, first career grand slam, 5 RBI Thursday against Kansas City.

**RICKIE WEEKS**  
 2B  
 Milwaukee Brewers

ab	r	HR	rbi	avg.	
184	49	31	7	21	.266

• Red-hot again. 7-for-14, 3 runs, 2B, RBI in 3 games against Mets in August.

**In The Minor's**

- Tim Raines Jr. is batting .249 for AAA-Ottawa.
- Chaz Lytle is batting .288 for A-Lynchburg.
- Kyle Bono is 0-0 with a 11.57 ERA for A-Lancaster.
- Kevin Melillo is batting .250 after move to AA-Midland.
- Matt Allegra is hitting just .198 back at A-Stockton.
- Larry Grayson is hitting .268 for Class A-Bakersfield.
- Kevin Harris is batting .290 for A-Lynchburg.
- Jon Venters is 8-5 with 2 saves and a 4.10 ERA for A-Rome.
- John-Michael Howell is batting .363 for A-Vermont.
- Drew Butera is hitting .133 for Class A-Brooklyn Cyclones.

## Longwood 16s headed to World Series

Special to the Herald

The Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball League 16-year-old All-Star team became just the second squad from the league to make the World Series when it won the Babe Ruth Southeast Regional Tournament held in Purcellville Virginia this past week. The 16-year-olds hope to join the 1995 team as World Champions as that squad, which included current Minor League's Chris Westervelt and Kyle Bono and UCF standout Drew Bono,

## Babe Ruth stars open play today in Weimar, Texas

that won the Prep-13 World Series. This was also the fourth team from Longwood Babe Ruth to win a State Championship and advance to the Southeast Regionals. That's pretty impressive when you consider the league was formed in 1988. The league currently has over 400 players in ages 5-to-19.

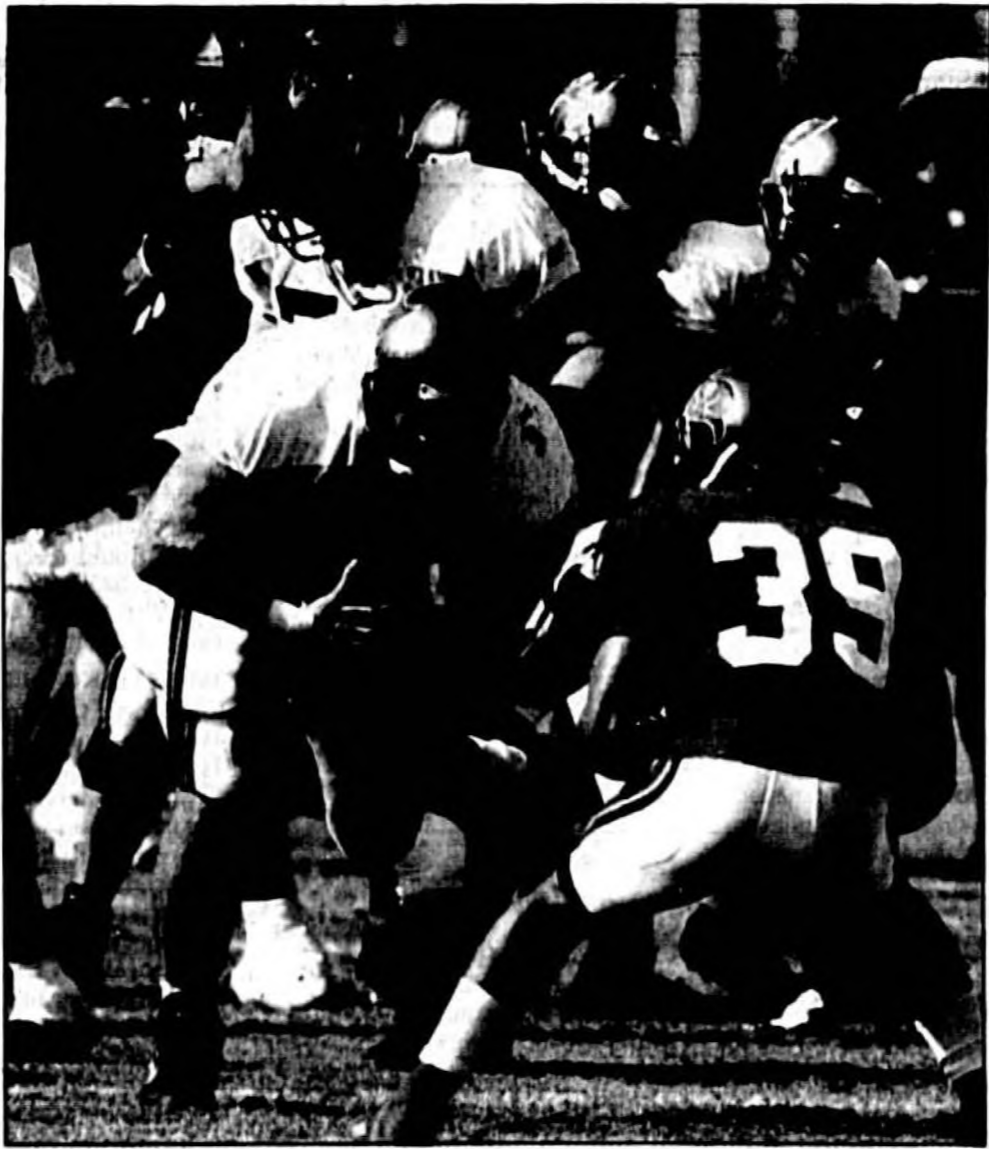
To follow the progress of the tournament log on to the tournament website at <http://www.weimarsports.org/Babe-Ruth/>. The website also has a link to watch live webcasts of the games. Longwood, the Southeast Champion, will be a part of the National Division along with Southwest Champion, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana; Midwest Plains Champion, Mineral Area, Missouri; New England Champion. See World Series, Page 2B

## Buccaneers invade Disney



Photos courtesy of Rainhold Misley

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have been hard at work in their 30th training camp this week at Disney's Wide World of Sports as they try to find the secret that made them the World Champions in 2004. In the top photo the offensive and defensive linemen get physical with one another, while in the right photo a defensive back gets ready to take a hit from massive fullback Mike Alstott during drills. The Bucs will open the preseason on Friday, August 12 in Tennessee. A home game against Jacksonville on Saturday, August 20, a road game at Miami on Saturday, August 27 and a home game against Houston September 1 will follow. The preseason opener will kick off at 8:00 p.m. ET while the remaining three games will start at 7:30 p.m. ET. The Buccaneers practice twice daily (8:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. for two hours each) at Disney's Wide World of Sports. There is no charge to the public and players take turns making themselves available to sign autographs. For more information about the Buccaneers training camp go online to [www.buccaneers.com](http://www.buccaneers.com). To reach the Bucs' training camp practices from Sanford take I-4 East to Exit 65 Disney's Wide World of Sports and follow the signs to Disney's Wide World of Sports, taking a Left onto Victory Way. Parking, which is also free of charge, is at the end of Victory Way, on the right.



## FCSL honors its best at annual awards banquet

From Staff Reports

The Florida Collegiate Summer League held its first annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, July 24th, to highlight the end of another successful season. The race for first place in the league came right down to the wire, with Winter Park narrowly edging Zephyrhills and Daytona Beach for the top spot in the regular season and No. 3 seed Zephyrhills nipping No. 4 seed Sanford, 2-1, in the League Championship Game played Sunday, July 31st at Tropicana Field in downtown St. Petersburg right after the hometown Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Kansas City Royals.

The Awards Banquet featured seven league awards named after FCSL's honorary league advisors.

The Chipper Jones Most Valuable Player Award went to Zephyrhills' Lee Cruz, who was first or second in almost every offensive category with a .437 batting average, seven home runs, 32 RBI, 63 total bases and a .724 slugging percentage.

The Frank Viola Most Valuable Pitcher Award went to Winter Park's Ty Pryor, who had a league best ERA of 0.56 to go along with a 4-0

record. Amazingly, he allowed only 14 hits while striking out 42 batters in 32 innings pitched.

The Dante Bichette Batting Champ was given to the player with the highest batting average in the league, and this year it was Winter Haven's Brantly Clay, who narrowly won the title by batting .437.

This year's Strike Out Leader was Sanford's Drew Shetrone, who displayed his dominance on the mound by striking out 55 batters in only 41 innings pitched.

The Relief Pitcher of the year went to Daytona Beach's Dominic Petracca, the former Seminole High School and Daytona Beach Community College star and is now the closer for UCF, who had a 5-0 record and two saves to go with his 0.67 ERA.

The Tim Raines Sr. Base Stealing Champ was Winter Park's Corey Whiting, who stole 20 bases in 22 attempts on the 30 game season.

The David Eckstein Sportsmanship Award, for the player who demonstrates his respect for the game in his play on the field and his respect for others by his demeanor off the field,

See Awards, Page 2B

## Gibson leaves Lake Mary

By Dean Smith  
 Herald Staff

**LAKE MARY** — Another veteran Lake Mary High School coach has decided now is the time to move on.

Following the lead of former football coach Greg Stanton, who returned to his high school alma mater in Jacksonville, and boys soccer coach Larry McCorkle, who retired, longtime boys and girls track and cross country Mike Gibson is heading to Virginia.

But what was supposed to be a retirement has turned into a step up for Gibson.

Gibson, who prepped at Seminole High School, returned to the county following college and started the cross country program at Lake Brantley High School, where he stayed for eight years before moving over to the then new Lake Mary High School, where he became a fixture for the past 24 seasons.

But after his son graduated from Seminole High in 2004, Gibson and his wife felt that 32 years of teaching was enough.

It was his wife's idea to move to Virginia because their daughter and new grandchild were living there and the Gibson's decided to have a home built in the Blue Ridge Mountain area.

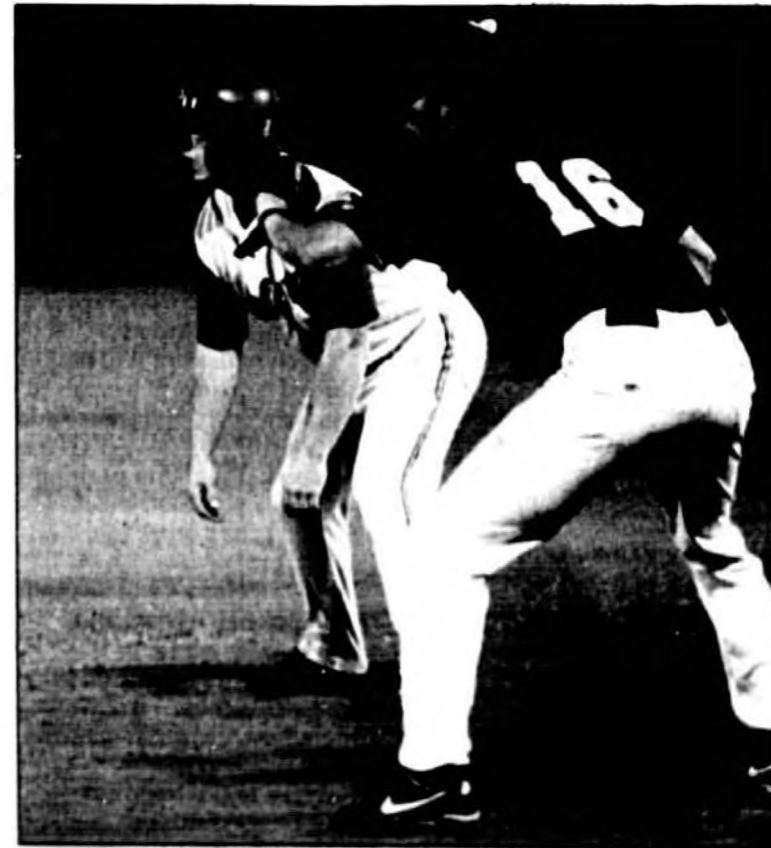
But later, the opportunity for Mike to start another program at a new high school came about Gibson was back in the business of running with a new vigor.

"I will be both the boys and girls cross country coach at Hidden Valley High School in Roanoke," said Gibson by phone recently.

"We will be known as the Titans and I have already had t-shirts printed up with new sayings."

Gibson and his wife were packing up their belongings in Lake Mary in preparation for the move to Virginia and they hoped to be in the new house

See Gibson, Page 2B



Herald photo by Jim Wentz

The Chipper Jones Most Valuable Player Award went to Zephyrhills first baseman Lee Cruz (No. 16, above), who was first or second in the Florida Collegiate Summer League statistics almost every offensive category with a .437 batting average, seven home runs, 32 RBI, 63 total bases and a .724 slugging percentage.







